

IAMO Forum 2016 | Call for Submissions

Rural Labor in Transition: Structural Change, Migration and Governance

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The relevance of agriculture in formal employment has decreased in many European, Central and East Asian countries during recent decades. The mutually reinforcing and interdependent processes of non-agricultural sector development and urbanization have resulted in new dynamics and diversity in the rural labor landscape. Remittances as the link between urban and international migrants and their original households have become more important for sustaining rural livelihoods, especially in poorer countries and regions. Yet in a number of countries agricultural activities still fulfil important safety net functions. However, a potential lack of qualified agricultural labor and increasing wages, as observed in some places, will constrain future prospects of the agricultural and non-agricultural sectors. These phenomena are not fully understood in terms of their functioning, or their poverty and sustainability outcomes.

The IAMO Forum 2016 focuses on the interlinkages between people's mobility across localities, countries, sectors and types of employment, as well as local economic development. The drivers and consequences will be debated from a social sciences perspective, including economics, political sciences, sociology, anthropology and history. We welcome submissions of papers addressing these aspects with a regional focus on Europe, Central Asia and China. Contributions on the following topics are welcome:

- Links between rural economic development and migration.
- The effects of migration on rural households' welfare.
- The role of agricultural development in labor shortage and excess labor.
- Institutional drivers and barriers of regional and occupational mobility.
- Organization of labor relations and management in agriculture.
- The effect of migration on local governance and transition processes.

Submissions that do not correspond to the above issues but fit within the general conference theme will also be considered by the organizing committee.

Call for Organized Sessions

We welcome proposals for organized sessions that match the theme of the IAMO Forum 2016. Session proposals should include the title of the proposed session and an abstract of up to 1,000 words (excluding bibliography) that concisely and clearly describes the relevance of the session to the meeting theme and states a list of potential speakers. **Session proposals must be submitted electronically at www.iamo.de/forum/2016 until Monday, January 18, 2016.** Notification of acceptance of session proposals will be sent by Monday, February 22, 2016.

Call for Extended Abstracts

We request the contribution of extended abstracts with up to 1,000 words (excluding bibliography). The abstracts need to include a concise summary of the significance, major research questions, data and methods, and findings. **Abstracts must be submitted electronically at www.iamo.de/forum/2016 until Monday, February 8, 2016.** All contributed extended abstracts will go through peer review. Notification of selected abstracts for an oral presentation will be sent by Monday, March 4, 2016. All accepted abstracts will be published on the conference website.

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